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Weekly Summer Flounder Quota Report (No. 31)

Summer Flounder Landings and State Commercial Quotas (Pounds) for 1999.

State	Late Entries	Week Ending 07-AUG-99	Period Cumulative Total (to date)	1999 Quotas	Percent Landed
ME	0	0	5,856	4,450	131.6
NH	0	0	0	51	0
MA	-22,354	73,346	669,306	757,842	88.3
RI	356	9,287	1,259,758	1,742,583	72.3
CT	2,594	1,700	209,422	250,791	83.5
NY	-2,251	8,949	638,173	790,948	80.7
NJ	52	2,297	1,012,732	1,853,926	54.6
DE	0	0	5,129	-25,439	-
MD	0	4,184	59,559	217,088	27.4
VA	0	0	1,411,530	2,193,168	64.4
NC	1,640	65	2,237,580	3,044,589	73.5
Total	-19,963	99,828	7,509,045	10,855,436	69.2

Notes:

The Federal commercial quota for the State of Maine has been harvested. Effective 0001 hour, Tuesday, March 30, 1999, fishing vessels with a federal permit may no longer land summer flounder in Maine.

The total quota reflects pounds available for landings in states with quota. States with negative allocations have zero (0) pounds of quota available.

For the week ending August 7, 1999, 216 dealers held a federal summer flounder permit. Of those 216 dealers, 166 (77%) have submitted a weekly quota report for the current reporting week. Because Massachusetts dealers submit weekly quota reports directly to the state, they were not included in these calculations.

Negative late entries are the result of corrections to the database.

These data are the best available to NMFS when this report was compiled. Data are supplied to NMFS by dealers and/or state agencies and may be preliminary.

The following summary is updated as information is received, and may not reflect recent state actions. Readers are urged to contact the appropriate state agency for further information.

State Information on Summer Flounder

State/ Commonwealth	Closure status	Trip/Possession Limits (pounds)	Other Provisions/ Pending Changes	State Contact
Maine	Federal		Effective 0001 hrs on 3/30/99	Kerry Lyons 207-633-9510
New Hampshire				603-868-1095
Massachusetts		The current daily landing/possession limit for summer flounder is: 300 lb for netters and 200 lb for hook-and-liners	Effective 8/16/99, the commercial summer flounder fishery will be closed for the remainder of the year. The landing/possession limit will drop to 0 lb for all gear types on this date.	Dave Pierce 617-727-3193
Rhode Island			Effective 12:01AM, on 8/5/99 the possession of summer flounder is prohibited, until 9/1/99 at 12:01AM when the possession limit will be 300 pounds.	Richard Sisson 401-789-3094
Connecticut		50 lb	Effective 0001 hrs on 7/29/99 until 10/31/99	Deb Shake 860-434-6043
New York		30 lb trip limit and not more than 10% by weight of all species landed or sold	Effective 0001 hrs on 6/6/99	John Mason 516-444-0453
New Jersey		Effective 1801 hrs on 7/1/99, no vessel shall land or possess any summer flounder in excess of the by-catch trip limit of 100 lb. By-catch landings may not exceed 10%, by weight, of all species landed and sold.	Effective 1800 hrs on 7/1/99, New Jersey's directed summer flounder fishery will be closed.	Tom McCloy 609-292-2083
Delaware				Rick Cole 302-739-4782
Maryland		2,000 lb for vessels with Maryland summer flounder landing permit	For vessels without a Maryland summer flounder landing permit, 200 lb from the Atlantic Coast and 100 lb from the Chesapeake Bay	Harley Speir 410-260-8303
Virginia	State	Vessels shall be limited to no more than 10% by weight of all other landed species on board.	Effective 4/7/99 through 11/15/99	Lewis Gillingham 757-247-2243
North Carolina	State		Effective 2/20/99	Fentress "Red" Munden, 919-726-7021